

ESTABLISHED 1870

CHAPMAN'S PALS PLANNED TO WRECK TRAIN AND FREE BANDIT, ATLANTA MAN SAYS

Deputy Warden Hughes
of Federal Peniten-
tiary Will Testify to
Plot Engineered by
"Dutch" Anderson.

Express Between Indian-
apolis and Atlanta Was
to Be Dynamited, Ac-
cording to Prison Official

Hartford, March 20. — A plot whereby George "Dutch" Anderson, considered one of the most desperate criminals at large in the country, planned to rescue Gerald Chapman, notorious bandit, who stands trial for his life here next week, by dynamiting the fast train that carried Chapman from Indianapolis, Ind., to Atlanta, Ga., following his arrest in Muncie, Ind., on January 18, was revealed here today. Anderson was followed in his plot only by the discovery of the plan by federal officials who had adopted extreme precautions in transferring the famous prisoner to the southern prison.

The details of the plot, became known here when it was learned that Deputy Warden G. W. Hughes of the federal prison at Atlanta plans to come to Hartford to testify at the trial of Chapman. Hughes will relate the details of the plot as he heard of the plan.

Used Auto Instead
Chapman after his arrest at Muncie, was immediately taken to Indianapolis for safekeeping until the deputy warden and his assistants arrived from Atlanta to take him back to the prison from which he had escaped two years earlier. When it was learned that Anderson and his associates planned to rescue Chapman from the southbound express, Hughes, when his plans for the removal of the prisoner had been completed, bundled Chapman into an automobile and raced from Indianapolis to Terre Haute, Ind., and there boarded the "Dixie Flyer" for Atlanta.

Anderson Made Plans
Anderson's plans had been hurriedly made following the arrest of Chapman at Muncie. It is positively known that Anderson was in Indianapolis at the time Chapman was confined in the jail there, and almost immediately succeeded in rounding up some of his associates. The plot was then outlined for the rescue of his pal, Anderson had been with Chapman at Sing Sing, had participated in the mail robbery in New York, had been sentenced to the government prison for a long term, and had escaped a few months after Chapman through plans believed to have been laid by Chapman.

The plot to blow up the train was to have been put into effect shortly after the train left Indianapolis, and when it had been definitely ascertained that Chapman was aboard the train. The move on the part of Deputy Warden Hughes to beat Anderson in the plot by taking Chapman out of the city by automobile saved the train.

Not Worried
State prison authorities are "not worried" over a possible attempt to deliver from their custody Gerald Chapman, nationally known bandit who stands trial for his life here next week, according to Warden Henry K. W. Scott.

The possible presence here of a gang of notorious criminals believed to be indebted to Chapman, indicated yesterday in disclosures that Patrolman Alfred Atwater of New Britain, had received a postal card mailed from Hartford and signed "Anderson" telling him to "lay off" giving evidence against Chapman, has led to the belief that a desperate attempt may be under way to rescue the imprisoned bandit.

Mr. Scott indicated today that unusual precautions are being taken to prevent Chapman's escape.

LINK CHAPMAN WITH BURGLARY AT ELMIRA

Store Owner Identifies Bag
Found in Shean's
Office

Gerald Chapman, alleged murderer of Policeman James Skelly, has been positively linked with the burglary of the Shean-Dean Co. store at Elmira, N. Y., on August 26, 1924.

Chief William C. Hart received a telegram this afternoon from C. E. Richardson, one of the owners of the store, in which he positively identified as the company's property two bags which were found in the office of Walter J. Shean at Springfield, Mass., after the Skelly murder. One of the bags furnished a clue to the local police which resulted in the arrest of Chapman at Muncie, Indiana. On it was an American

FRENCH DEPUTIES IN FREE-FOR-ALL ABOUT RELIGION

Chamber Session Breaks Up in
Riot Following Herriot's An-
nouncement of Govt. Stand

PURE CHRISTIANITY, NOT THAT OF BANKERS

Premier's Words Precipitate Sensa-
tional Fight—Had Made Speech
of Explanation Denying Persecu-
tion of Catholics in His Alasce
School Issue—Wanted Vote of
Confidence by Tonight.

Paris, March 20.—Free for all flat fights, such as probably had never before been seen in the chamber of deputies broke up this afternoon's session after Premier Herriot in defending the government's policy in religious matters, had said:

"We accept and welcome Christianity in its pure forms, but not the Christianity of bankers."

But few get hit
Premier Herriot's supporters rose and cheered. The opposition rose and howled at the speaker. There was a great slamming of desks and shouting of imprecations, and the most belligerent members on both sides rushed for the open space below the rostrum which became like a cockpit with a dozen pairs of deputies milling around and singeing wildly but seldom landing squarely.

The sergeants at arms in a body tried to form a wedge between the majority and opposition members, but they were brushed aside. Then Paul Painlevé, president of the chamber put on his hat and left the chair as a signal that the sitting was suspended.

Help came from the corridors and slowly the sergeants at arms began clearing the hall dragging apart the units of the opposing forces.

Denies Prosecution
Premier Herriot defended the government's policy toward the clergy and its efforts to make the non-denominational laws effective. In Alsace in reply to the interpellation in the chamber of deputies on what attitude the government would take toward the manifesto of the French cardinals and archbishops against the laws in question.

The premier had not intended to speak until tomorrow, but to shorten the debate which began yesterday he took the rostrum at the opening of the session this afternoon so that he could get his expected vote of confidence tonight.

Premier Herriot said there was nothing in the government's declaration as to its policy on matters connected with religion that justified the opposition's charges of religious persecution.

"The suppression of the embassy at the Vatican," he declared, "is a political measure that in no wise interferes with Catholic practicing their religion."

CITY TO PAY HALF COST OF CAMP SCHOOL JOB

Will Be Required To Subscribe
\$8,250 For Installing New
Heating System

(Special to the Herald.)
Hartford, March 20.—It became known today that Representative Sturges' bill entitled "an act for a training plant at the New Britain State Normal School," which is scheduled for a hearing March 23 at the state capitol has a string attached to it, Section 1, reading:

"The state board of education is authorized to make the necessary changes and alterations in piping and in the heating installation of the old Camp School, a part of the state normal school at New Britain, provided the City of New Britain pays one-half the cost of \$16,500."

Senator Hall's bill for Normal School equipment calls for an expenditure of \$12,750 and will be heard March 25 also.

Representative E. H. Woods' bill for the construction of a highway between Plainville and Unionville will be heard by the appropriations committee, Thursday, March 24, and delegations from both towns are expected.

Senator G. E. Hall of New Haven presided over the senate today in the absence of Lieut. Gov. Brainard. Senator Hall is known to a number of New Britain people as the brother-in-law of the late Rollin Wooster who was its one-time city clerk in the Hardware City.

Attorneys William M. Greenleaf and Harry H. Mikowita were visitors at the capitol today.

WHERE OVER 50 CHILDREN DIED



This picture of the interior of the school building at Murphysboro, Ill., in which over fifty children lost their lives, was sent by telephone, the new telepic photo service being used. Many of the children were still seated at their desks when the tornado swept the district.

WOOLWORTH HAS LONG CENTRAL BLOCK LEASE

Agreement for 20 Year
Occupancy Signed—
Begley Block Sold

After a period of negotiating, which has been the cause of much conjecture in this city, Messrs. Parley, McDonough and LeWitt, owners of the Central block located at 273-279 Main street, today made the announcement that they have leased the entire building to the F. W. Woolworth Co. for 20 years. The ground floor now houses the Abbe Hardware Co., the Beckwith Hat Co. and the Prouty Shoe store, and the upper floors are utilized as offices and meeting halls. These stores will be vacated soon and extensive alterations will be made, converting the floor into one store to be ready for occupancy by the Woolworth concern in the fall. The new store will have a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 216 feet.

It has come to light that some time ago the Woolworth Co. was offered the present site of the First Congregational church but refused it.

A real estate transaction involving the transfer of a Main street business block, at a price said to be \$125,000 took place this morning when the Begley block at 429-434 Main street was sold. The block was the property of Samuel W. Menus and Samuel N. Levine and was sold to Dr. Morris Dunn, Meyer Dunn, Max Dunn and Edward Dunn.

The property has a frontage of 40 feet on Main street and has a depth of 125 feet. It stands opposite the junction of Main and East Main streets and contains two stores on the street level and offices and apartments on the upper floors.

The front of one store has just been remodeled. The new purchasers intend to further remodel the property.

The sale was made through the agency of the Camp Real Estate Co.

FIRE SWEEPS THROUGH NORWALK ENGINE HOUSE

Firemen at Central Station Answer
Own Alarm—Headquarters
A Total Wreck.

Norwalk, March 20.—Fire of unknown origin swept through the upper story of the two story brick central fire station on Franklin street here this morning, when the firemen answered their own alarm.

William Murphy, with four other paid firemen who were asleep in a rear bunk room, heard the crackling about 2 a. m., and turned in the alarm. The room most severely damaged was occupied by the Old Well Fire Co., as a trophy room. Everything there was a total loss.

The fire apparatus is out on the sidewalk this morning and Fire Chief George Bogardus with the fire commissioners and the mayor are in conference to ascertain the cause and extent of the damage.

BIG ROBBERY FOILED

Five Bandits Fail in Attempt to
Steal \$75,000 Worth of Liquor
From Newark Govt. Warehouse.

Newark, N. J., March 20.—Five armed intruders today handcuffed two men in the quarters of the Transatlantic Trading corporation in a vain attempt to steal \$75,000 worth of liquor stored there by the government.

Brooks Dean, night watchman, found the five robbers in the office. He was threatened with death if he made an outcry and was handcuffed. Louis Ablove, secretary of the company, rang the office door bell and Dean was ordered to open it whereupon Ablove walked in and also was handcuffed. The robbers then saw a third man look in the window and run to a police alarm box, whereupon they fled, abandoning an automobile when the motor failed to start. One fugitive was captured.

THE WEATHER

For New Britain and vicinity:
Fair and slightly cooler to-
night; Saturday unsettled and
warmer.

ONE ARREST MADE IN MOMAGUIN MYSTERY

Byron Palmer, Friend of
Dean, Held But No
Charge Is Preferred

New Haven, March 20.—Byron Palmer, friend of Leonard Dean, whose body was found in the ruins of a fire which burned a cottage owned by Dean's parents at Momaguin early Sunday was today taken into custody by the authorities of the town of East Haven, where the fire occurred, on orders of Deputy Coroner Lewis Field of this city, who is investigating the death. Palmer was held in custody pending his appearance before the deputy coroner this afternoon. The arrest was on a coroner's warrant, no charge being preferred against him.

The arrest, it is said, followed the introduction of new testimony before the coroner concerning Dean's death which followed a gay party held at the Dean cottage on Saturday preceding the fire. Palmer is one of two men who discovered the body of Dean in the ruins of the cottage the day after the fire. The body was found to have a fracture of the skull. It was found beneath the remains of a piano. According to the deputy coroner two men and two women who attended the party have been eliminated as suspects in the case.

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GASOLINE AT COST TO CUT DOWN HIGH RATES

This Is Likely to Be Rec-
ommendation of Legis-
lative Committee

New London, March 20.—The establishment of bureaus in each county of the state by the motor vehicle department for the purchase and sale of gasoline at cost, is expected to be the recommendation of the special investigating committee recently appointed by the general assembly, it became known here today.

The committee which is composed of Judge J. Mortimer Bell of Salisbury and J. James Flood of Westford, representing the house of representatives and Samuel Shaw of Redding, representing the senate, has reported to the judiciary committee its preliminary steps and has been authorized to continue the investigation. The committee told the members of the judiciary committee that it believed the sale of gasoline by the state would solve the problem and has under advisement the bringing in of such a bill before the close of the present legislative session.

STUMBLES ONTO TRAGEDY

Policeman Chasing Boy Who Stole
Apple Is Led Into Room Where
Man Was Dead From Gas Fumes.

New York, March 20.—A boy who had stolen an apple from a pushcart and was fleeing before a man that shouted "stop thief" today unwittingly led a policeman into a building where Jacob Lebrich was dead of gas fumes and Herman Cohen was dying.

The boy in his flight disappeared through a rear entrance of the Moore Street buttonhole company. A patrolman climbing a fire escape to get into the building spied the forms of the gas victims through a window. Lebrich, an owner of the buttonhole company, was dead when the policeman got to him. Cohen was a watchman for the company. The boy with the apple escaped.

George Merry, Well Known Military Man, Is Dead

Hartford, March 20.—George W. Merry, post quartermaster sergeant at the state armory, died late yesterday of apoplexy in his apartment.

He served at the armory for about 15 years, and prior to 1909 was for five years quartermaster at the military reservation at Niantic.

Mr. Merry was born in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1843, was married to Williamette in 1885, and leaves a wife, a daughter in this city and a son in Huntington, W. Va.

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NEW MYSTERY WOMAN IN SHEPHERD CASE

Confers With Prosecutor—
Detective's Stenographer
Also Is Quizzed

Chicago, March 20.—A woman, whose identity was closely guarded was today escorted by a police lieutenant to the chamber of Chief Justice Harry Olson of the municipal court for questioning in connection with the investigation of William McClintock's death. Two attorneys for the Iowa relatives of McClintock were in attendance.

Meanwhile the identity of a "mystery woman," who was sought yesterday by the state's attorney, was today disclosed as Gladys Roberts, formerly a stenographer for the Jones Detective Agency. This agency is alleged to have been retained by William D. Shepherd, who is in jail under an indictment charging murder of McClintock, a few months after the youth became of age and named Shepherd in his will.

Miss Roberts gave her questioners the names of two witnesses, one of whom was believed to be a woman said to have called upon Mrs. Louise Olson, sister-in-law of the Chief Justice, and warned her to "leave town." Mrs. Olson was a witness at the McClintock inquest. She is the widow of Dr. Oscar Olson, William McClintock's friend and physician, inquiry into whose death several years ago was suggested in connection with the McClintock investigation.

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NEW HAVEN WRECK LOSS MAY NOT EXCEED \$60,000

Will Not Reach \$100,000 Railroad
Says—Joint Investigation of
Cause Tomorrow

New Haven, March 20.—The damage resulting from yesterday's collision of freight trains on the N. Y. N. H. & H. railroad here, will be less than \$100,000, according to a statement issued by the railroad today. The statement says: "In contrast to the figures published this morning of the cost of the unfortunate accident to two freight trains at New Haven yesterday the New Haven company states that the damage will be less than \$100,000 and perhaps not more than \$60,000."

Coroner Eli Mix this afternoon opened an inquest into the death of Engineer Thomas P. Moore of New York city and Fireman William H. Visk of Springfield, Mass., crew of the electric locomotive of the extra freight train which crashed into the rear end of another freight train standing in the local railroad cut.

A joint inquiry into the cause of the wreck will be begun tomorrow at the New Haven road offices by representatives of the state public utilities commission and the interstate commerce commission.

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WITNESSES TELL ABOUT HORRORS OF GREAT STORM

Children Screaming and Mothers
and Fathers Weeping as They
Seek Youngsters in Ruins

NEWSPAPER REPORTER GIVES VIVID PICTURE

Chicago Daily News Man Relates
Strip of Country Mile Wide Stricken
With Debris, Wrecked Cars, Shat-
tered Furniture, Uprighted Autos
and Uprooted Trees—Pitiable
Scenes.

Gorham, Ill., March 20.—Wednesday was a dark and gloomy day at Gorham. It rained all morning. The air was heavy. No wind stirred the countryside. In the afternoon it rained harder and the day grew black. Heavy halos came down. Then came the tornado, like a huge wall of smoke.

COMEDY MIXES WITH TRAGEDY IN FREAKS OF GREAT TORNADO

By The Associated Press.
West Frankfort, Ill., March 20.—Many wild freaks were reported in Wednesday's tornado, which struck Franklin and adjoining counties in southern Illinois, leaving death and destruction in its wake.

DEATH LIST IS BIG IN MID-WEST; AIRPLANES CARRYING ANTI-TOXIN SPEEDING TO FIGHT OFF TETANUS

At Noon Known Dead Totalled 799 With
Some Rural Centers Unaccounted For—Of
3,000 or More Injured, Many Infections
Are Feared—Relief Workers Report Better
Progress In Caring For Destitute—Cold
Weather Adds To Suffering.

Reports at noon today showed 799 dead.
Injuries to about 3,000.
Associated Press casualty list totalled 577 identified dead.
Kentucky and Tennessee stricken areas virtually cleaned up. Burials being made in both states.
A few hamlets in Missouri yet unreported. Casualty list at 15 dead.

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West Frankfort, Ill., deaths increased to 110. Deaths in other Illinois cities unchanged, in numbers.

All bodies recovered at Princeton, Ind., and most of them at Owensville. Passable roads making rescue and relief work more expeditious. Property loss Indiana towns estimated three to four million dollars.

Shortage of Coffins.

Devastated regions turning to plans and means of burying their dead. Shortage of coffins and facilities may cause group burials.

Relief workers report better progress in caring for injured and destitute. Conditions flowing into the districts providing money and comforts. As they became better organized, attention was given also to rural communities.

All business in Murphysboro suspended. Banks urged to keep doors closed.

Herrin, Ill., scene of several Williamson county shootings and uprisings, just south of blasted storm strip, opened its one hospital to injured.

Many Children Killed
Estimated that more than one-third of the nearly 120 dead at De Soto, Ill., were children under three years.

A violent snowstorm fringed the tornado on the north when it struck Wednesday. Weather bureau predicts freezing or above in the devastated region tonight; much colder tomorrow.

King Victor Emmanuel and Premier Mussolini of Italy and acting President Simons of Germany called condolences to the United States.

Tales of Horror

"A greenish black funnel, slanting at an angle of 45 degrees, followed by a deluge of hail," was the description of one thankful survivor.

"Black as midnight, moving faster than a train," was another.

At West Frankfort, a five-day-old infant squalling in a perambulator was pulled safely from a pile of kindling that had been a home. The mother nearby lay crushed.

The number of frightful mutilations and crushed limbs and the fact that in many cases wounds ground full of dirt could not be attended for hours brought the spectre of tetanus stalking on the field. Airplanes bearing all available tetanus anti-toxin rushed out of Indianapolis.

Women at De Soto took up a collection along the line of automobiles attracted to the scene and in a short time had raised several thousand dollars.

Contributions in money and supplies made directly in response to appeals made over the radio apparently will set a new high total through this means of reaching the world. Radio has been employed in nearly all relief measures.

Storm Casualty Summary

The death list in the five states remained virtually unchanged at noon today, although later reports had a tendency slightly to reduce former estimates. At this time the dead, estimated and known, numbered 799. The casualties were in the neighborhood of 3,000.

Illinois

	Dead	Injured
Murphysboro	210	580
West Frankfort	110	500
De Soto	110	200
Gorham	90	200
Marion	87	74
Farrish	20	100
Lugan	15	60
Benton	12	34
Elmfield	12	60
Hurst	6	40
Thompsonville	5	40
Shinn	4	10
Camden	2	25
Grayville	4	10
Crossville	1	10
Total	849	1,535

Indiana

	Dead	Injured
Griffin	41	200
Truesburg	21	200
Truesburg	18	45
Poseyville	9	20
Ellettsburg	2	20
Ellettsburg	1	10
Total	88	515

Tennessee

	Dead	Injured
Shelbyville	2	50
Wartrace	2	20
Knoxville	1	10
Kirkland	1	10
Total	6	90

Missouri

	Dead	Injured
Rolla	2	50
Annapolis	2	150
Atterburg	1	10
Total	5	210

Kentucky

	Dead	Injured
Boonmont	4	60
Holland	4	20
Lakeland	2	10
Springfield	1	5
Thirtreport	1	10
Total	12	105
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